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*Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting...*

## **Georgia DOT Holding Public Open House for Major Mobility Improvement Project on Interstates 16 and 95**

**GARDEN CITY, Ga.** – The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) will host a Public Information Open House to discuss the proposed Interstate 16 widening and the I-16 at I-95 interchange reconstruction projects in Chatham County.

The public is encouraged to come view displays and discuss the details of the proposed major mobility improvement project with Georgia DOT staff. The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., then again from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Garden City's City Hall, located at 100 Central Avenue.

The proposed projects would include:

- The addition of one general purpose lane along I-16 eastbound and westbound between I-95 and I-516. Widening for the new lane in each direction is proposed towards the inside median to the extent possible.
- I-16 and I-95 interchange improvements will include reconstructing two of the high-volume loop ramps serving I-95 southbound to eastbound and I-16 westbound to southbound into direct fly-over ramps. Two lower-volume loop ramps serving I-95 northbound to westbound and I-16 eastbound to northbound would be reconstructed and separated from the I-95 mainline; this would eliminate the mainline weaving along I-95. New northbound collector-distributor lanes would be constructed to connect these ramps.

The goals of these projects are to improve operational efficiency and safety along I-16 between I-95 and I-516.

There will be no formal presentation, so interested participants may stop by at any point during the meetings. The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Maggie Yoder at (912) 530-4369.

Public statements concerning this project will be accepted **after the public meeting until Wednesday, July 13, 2016** by the following methods:

- 1) Visit the GDOT project page:  
[https://por.dot.ga.gov/projectInfo/projectInfo.cfm?projID=0012757&projNum=&projName=I-16 Widening and I-16 at I-95 Interchange Reconst](https://por.dot.ga.gov/projectInfo/projectInfo.cfm?projID=0012757&projNum=&projName=I-16+Widening+and+I-16+at+I-95+Interchange+Reconst)
- 2) Mail in your comments to:  
Mr. Eric Duff, Office of Environmental Services

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The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hard copies will also be available at the Georgia DOT Savannah Area Office located at 630 West Boundary Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

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